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GENERAL NOTICE LETTER
URGENT LEGAL MATTER
PROMPT REPLY NECESSARY

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Antonio Pecora One Garvies Point LLC 506 9th Avenue New York, NY 10011

and

Michael Bunsis 76 North Realty Co LLC 1101 Steward Avenue Garden City, NY 11530

Re:

Mattiace Petrochemical Superfund Site, Glen Cove, New York
Notice of Potential Liability and Request to Perform Remedial Investigation and
Feasibility Study Activities Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675.

Dear Messrs. Pecora and Bunsis:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is charged with responding to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants into the environment and with enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675.

EPA has documented the release and threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment at the Mattiace Petrochemical Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Glen Cove, New York. The Site includes the former Mattiace facility, an inactive chemical blending and drum washing facility located on Garvies Point Road that operated from the mid-1960s until 1987. EPA added the Site to the National Priorities List on March 30, 1989. Following a remedial investigation and feasibility study ("RI/FS"), EPA selected a remedy to address contaminated soil and groundwater at the Site, which was memorialized in a Record of Decision in 1991 ("1991 ROD"). After overseeing the implementation of that remedy for many years, EPA determined that the 1991 ROD objectives for addressing the soil and groundwater at the Site would not be attained in the foreseeable future, so EPA conducted additional studies that resulted

in an amendment to that remedy in 2014.

It was during those additional investigations that, as you may recall, in 2007 you provided EPA access to your respective properties at 1 Garvies Point Road and 20-30 Garvies Point Road, to conduct vapor intrusion sampling, and in 2011-2012 you again provided TRC, the company performing the work at the Site, access to your properties to conduct groundwater and soil sampling. The results of the vapor intrusion sampling indicated that elevated concentrations of volatile organic compounds ("VOCs"), particularly cis-1,2-dichloroethene, trichloroethene, and tetrachloroethene, exist beneath the commercial building(s) on your property. The results of the subsequent groundwater and soil sampling indicate the presence of VOCs along the driveway adjacent to your properties. Figures are attached for your reference which show the groundwater concentration contours for particular contaminants. Data indicate that there may be additional sources of contamination emanating from your property.

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY

EPA has spent and anticipates spending additional public funds to investigate and control releases or potential releases of hazardous substances at the Site.

Under CERCLA and other laws, responsible parties may be held liable for such monies expended by, *inter alia*, the federal government in taking response actions at and around sites where hazardous substances have been released, including investigative, planning, removal, remedial, and enforcement actions. Responsible parties also may be subject to orders requiring them to take response actions themselves. Responsible parties under CERCLA include, among others, the current owner of property upon which there is a release or threatened release of hazardous substances.

By this letter, we notify you that, as an owner or operator of a facility where hazardous substances have been released or are threatened to be released, you are considered to be a potentially responsible party ("PRP") with respect to the Site, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).

This notice letter is not being provided pursuant to the special notice procedures outlined in Section 122(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622 (e), because EPA does not believe that those procedures would expedite investigation activities at the Site. As discussed below, EPA is providing you with the opportunity to volunteer to perform necessary response actions, and any such agreement would have to be memorialized in an administrative consent order. We invite you to volunteer to negotiate and execute such an order.

REQUEST TO COMPLETE ACTION

We are seeking to determine whether you will perform additional RI/FS work related to the Site under the Superfund Program. This RI/FS is necessary to determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the Site, evaluate any risks to human health and the environment posed by any releases or threatened releases from the Site, and identify and evaluate remedial alternatives.

EPA wishes to determine whether you are willing to commence negotiations related to the performance or funding of the above-referenced RI/FS. Accordingly, please advise EPA within **14 days** of receipt of this letter whether your client would be willing to enter into negotiations with EPA concerning performing the RI/FS with EPA oversight or, in the alternative, funding EPA's performance of the RI/FS. As mentioned above, any agreement by you to perform or fund the RI/FS would need to be memorialized in an administrative consent order issued by EPA under CERCLA. Your response may be by telephone, e-mail, or letter and should be directed to:

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with a copy to:

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If you decline and EPA performs the work itself, you may be liable under Section 107(a) of CERCLA for EPA's costs incurred. Should you not volunteer to perform or fund the work, EPA also may unilaterally require you to perform the work pursuant to an order issued under Section 106(a) of CERCLA.

Please give the matter addressed in this letter your immediate attention. If you have any legal questions or would like to discuss this matter with EPA, please contact Ms. Charney. Should you have any technical questions regarding the Site, please direct them Mr. Badalamenti.

Sincerely yours,

Nicoletta DiForte, Deputy Director

Emergency and Remedial Response Division

cc: Ashley Similo, EPA-ERRD
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EPA wishes to determine whether you are willing to postration note











